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**Introduced by Senator Figueroa**

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An act to amend Section 14000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 29, as introduced, Figueroa. Medi-Cal.

Existing law provides for the federal medicaid program, administered by each state, California's version of which is the Medi-Cal program. The Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, provides qualified low-income persons with health care services.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in Medi-Cal program provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14000 of the Welfare and Institutions  
2 Code is amended to read:  
3 14000. The purpose of this chapter is to afford to qualifying  
4 individuals health care and related remedial or preventive services,  
5 including related social services ~~which~~ *that* are necessary for those  
6 receiving health care under this chapter.  
7 The intent of the Legislature is to provide, to the extent  
8 practicable, through the provisions of this chapter, for health care  
9 for those aged and other persons, including family persons who  
10 lack sufficient annual income to meet the costs of health care, and

1 whose other assets are so limited that their application toward the  
2 costs of such care would jeopardize the ~~person~~ *person's* or family's  
3 future minimum self-maintenance and security. It is intended that  
4 whenever possible and feasible:

5 (a) The means employed shall allow, to the extent practicable,  
6 eligible persons to secure health care in the same manner employed  
7 by the public generally, and without discrimination or segregation  
8 based purely on their economic disability. The means employed  
9 shall include an emphasis on efforts to arrange and encourage  
10 access to health care through enrollment in organized, managed  
11 care plans of the type available to the general public.

12 (b) The benefits available under this chapter shall not duplicate  
13 those provided under other federal or state laws or under other  
14 contractual or legal entitlements of the person or persons receiving  
15 them.

16 (c) In the administration of this chapter and in establishing the  
17 means to be used to provide access to health care to persons eligible  
18 under this chapter, the department shall emphasize and take  
19 advantage of both the efficient organization and ready  
20 accessibility and availability of health care facilities and resources  
21 through enrollment in managed health care plans and new and  
22 innovative fee-for-service managed health care plan approaches to  
23 the delivery of health care services.

